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Excerpts from my Jungle Diaries (April 2012 onwards): Introduction

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“Compensation has yet not reached. He is now physically well but his injured hand is not working.” Mer Singh was not at home. His daughter narrated the present situation in one breath.

I am not journalist by profession but when I heard about the case of Mer Singh I decided to present his case among the authorities with the help of Youtube. Last year in summer Mer Singh was in forest early morning for collection of Tendu patta (Diospyros leaves). She-Sloth Bear with kids attacked and injured him seriously. I documented the complete story with the help of videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vzaDo3juIg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faRq2jEYV18>

When I interacted with Mer Singh he complained about the compensation. I put his voice in Youtube. On the basis of personal relation I sent email to top forest officer and within minutes got assurance that compensation will be given to him. Now after nearly one year Mer Singh is still waiting for compensation. Every time I visit to him during surveys I get bad news from him. I am not aware that what went wrong but Compensation is still far from him.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePLgOinyLcQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycTS1Aw0iLM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2ZgycjeqGY>

His injuries were treated by the local doctor with much expense. His hand is still not working.

Many times I feel so helpless.

From the sad story of Mer Singh I am starting the series on “Excerpts from my Jungle Diaries (April 2012 onwards)” through this blog and will try to write regularly.

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